

WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington, D. C., February 22.—A matter which is receiving much attention among members of Congress and students of economics as well, is the effect of the Teutonic blockade on the welfare of the American farmer and manufacturer. At this time, owing to the non-departure of ships for Europe, freight is piled up from New York to Buffalo. Farm products, as well as the products of the great Eastern factories and packing houses, has accumulated to such an extent as to seriously affect the movement of both East and East-bound trains. As one shipper stated to the writer, a condition of actual war could not make things worse. If ships were conveyed from American ports, there would be sailings enough to relieve the congestion to a great degree.

Speaking of the farmer and the price of farm products, it is pointed out that the farmer on the basis of present prices can obtain more in return for the exchange of his corn or stock than ever before in the history of the country. This fact is explained somewhat in this fashion: While the cost to the farmer of materials necessary for his welfare has advanced tremendously since the outbreak of the war, the value received for his contributions to the market is much greater in proportion. Farm implements have gone up, clothing is higher, sugar is more expensive, but yet for a given number of bushels of corn or hundred-weight of hogs, he can get more farm implements, more sugar and more clothing than ever before.

Turning to the other side of water, it is interesting to note the feeling in Denmark, the nearest neighbor to Prussia. The Danes have never forgotten, nor forgiven, the war of 1864, after which Schleswig-Holstein was taken by Prussia. Schleswig is Danish in population and temperament, while Holstein, the border province, is largely German in its sympathies. All Danes would like to have Schleswig back again, but do not care for Holstein. This is the province where the big black and white milk producers originally came from and where they are still the mainstay of the farming population. Denmark's standing army of upwards of 80,000 soldiers has been mobilized ever since the war, but Denmark is not apt to be forced into the struggle unless Norway and Sweden go in as well.

Not only is the Government experimenting along defensive lines against submarines, but against the remote possibility of an air attack by a European nation. A fleet of great air cruisers capable of successfully fighting the greatest dirigible now in existence is in contemplation. One of these cruisers is already being built and before long will take Government tests. This new air ship is to have a great armed body and will require a crew of five men. It will have a cruising radius of 2,000 miles, and remain in the air twenty-four hours. Its speed, it is hoped, will be over eighty miles an hour and it will carry two tons of high explosives as well as rapid fire guns. This airship, it is believed, will out-Zep the Zeppelins.

The aviation branches of the army and navy are being rapidly developed. Every plant in the country that can turn out an aeroplane or part of one is busy. Applications for places in the aviation corps are many and these men are being given instructions as rapidly as machines are provided. It takes at least six months to train an aviator.

Plans are progressing for the second inauguration of President

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The Evidence is at Your Door

Barbourville proof is what you want and the statement of this highly respected resident will banish all doubt:

R. F. Harbin, blacksmith, Main St., Barbourville, says: "My work is hard on my back and kidneys. At one time I got down with my back, so that I could't work. I had rheumatic twinges in my joints and limbs and my kidneys acted irregularly, especially at night, which broke my rest. I used Doan's Kidney Pills procured from the Costello Drug Co. and they promptly rid me of the backaches and rheumatic twinges. Doan's Kidney Pills are the best kidney medicine I have ever used."

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being erected in front of the Government buildings on Pennsylvania avenue and the vainguard of visitors has already come to town. Proprietors of hotels and managers of clubs report that every available room has been spoken for and the only hope of accommodating those who have not spoken is by means of rooms in private homes or apartments.

"The United States Navy accepts only men of good moral character and sound physique" was the message sent to a Magistrate in an Eastern city the other day by the officer in charge of navy recruiting. Some Judges have more than once suspended sentence on convicted criminals on condition that they enlist in the navy. This practice is not to be tolerated by the navy for the seamen on Uncle Sam's ships are a high grade, manly set of young men. There is no place for shirkers or criminals in the navy and the treatment accorded the men is the treatment accorded to gentlemen.

In England, the Navy League is a semi-official body, conducted along almost identical lines with the Navy League of the United States. As showing the co-operation between the Navy League of England and the English Navy, an interesting fact has been developed by means of letters received from England in the late mails. Each one of these letters now bear pasters on their backs which read:

"Don't forget! The safe arrival of this letter is due to the British Navy!"

A hand points to the closing line—

"Join the Navy League!"

The reason for this is as follows: All letters from England are opened by the censor. When they are resealed, a paster is put over the open part. This costs money and the English Navy League suggested to the British Government that it would supply the pasters for the censor.

The Navy Department here and the Navy League of the United States are working in harmony and co-operation. The Navy League is assisting in the obtaining of recruits and will take charge of measures bearing on the efficiency and comfort of the men on board ships.

The elimination of the hyphen in the national crisis is strongly gratifying to the Washington authorities. One striking illustration of the patriotic enthusiasm of those who are able to boast of their Teutonic ancestry was shown in Philadelphia, Pa., recently. At the charity ball given in the Academy of Music by the Philadelphia Maennerchor, the great hall was crowded when the orchestra struck up the "Star Spangled Banner." All in the auditorium jumped to their feet and joined in the stirring strains. A huge American flag fell across the rear of the stage and the thousands present burst into cheers. Judging from such spontaneous indications there seems to be no reason to doubt the patriotism of Americans.

SPECIAL SESSION

To Revise Tax Laws

It may not be generally known, but it is a fact that only forty out of the one hundred and twenty counties in Kentucky contribute anything toward the general expenses of the State government, but when it comes to criticizing the management of the State's finances and denouncing the extravagance of the Legislature in making appropriations, the greatest complaints seem to be made by the eighty counties which do not pay a dollar of the expense.

It is refreshing to read in an editorial in the Livingston Enterprise the frank admission that

"It takes all the money Livingston County pays into the State treasury to pay the school teachers of this county. The State taxes being \$16,867 and teachers' salaries \$16,895, and there are many other expenses of county officials, witness and jury fees, etc., amounting to about \$4,500, paid out of the State treasury. * * * Livingston County contributes nothing to the running expenses of the State, yet we have a voice in the State's affairs and often criticize the administration on its extravagance, when the whole expense is borne by other counties. * * * Until we reach the point of paying our own expenses we cannot charge unfairness in any tax law."

There are seventy-nine other counties in the same situation as Livingston, but few of them seem willing so freely to confess their shortcomings, nor will they hasten to do so as long as the forty other counties are willing to submit to higher assessments and list more taxable property on which the excess taxes go toward paying the expenses of their delinquent neighbors.

The editorial referred to also presents an epitome of taxation in the following sensible language:

"In considering any taxing system it is well to examine conditions in various sections of the State; ascertain the capacity of each county to pay as well as to receive benefits and then enact a law as would yield the required sum of money and levy its collection as equally as may be upon the people of the whole State."

And that is exactly what the laws proposed by the State Tax Commission are designed to accomplish. If newspaper editors generally would follow the Livingston Enterprise the State would soon be out of debt and in receipt of ample revenue to meet its growing demands.—Courier Journal.

TAXATION

Only To Be Considered.

The Governor called an extra session of the Legislature for February 14 to consider a new tax law. Some of the newspapers have found numerous objections to the laws proposed by the Tax Commission, and it is very probable that the laws, as proposed, are not perfect. If there are objectionable features, they will undoubtedly be pointed out to the members of the extra session who will have ample time to give the various sections ample consideration and make such changes and corrections as may be desirable. With only one matter for consideration and with politics and log-rolling kept out, the extra session of the General Assembly ought to give the people a fair and equitable tax law that will meet with the approval of the vast majority of the people of the State. Here's hoping!—Cynthiana Log Cabin.

NO POLITICS

In New Tax Laws.

In so serious a matter as tax reform, Kentuckians, regardless of party affiliation, should support Gov. Stanley and the extra session, and all Democrats should stand together, regardless of antecedent differences of view or leaning.

Kentucky is backward because of the need of a better tax system. Put Kentucky up with the foremost in the march of progress. "Kentucky first" should be everybody's slogan.

Reads, now much discussed, can be better built when we have a better tax system. An influx of capital awaits a better tax system. That means better living, better schools, more values to tax, more employment, better wages. There can be no legitimate excuse of any obstructionist tactics during the extra session. Anyone guilty of an effort to obstruct will prove himself a poor politician, and not a good citizen.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By order of the Whitley Circuit Court, rendered at its Nov. term, 1916 in the case of Joe Cox, et al., Plaintiffs against Elihu Cox, et al., Defendants

I will as Master Commissioner, on the 26th day of February, 1917 same being first day of the February term of the Knox County Court, I will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Court House in the city of Barbourville, Ky., to the highest and best bidder, at 1 o'clock P. M. or thereabout the following described property, or enough thereof to satisfy the judgment in said case amounting to \$. viz.

The undivided one-half interest of Noah Cox at the time of his death in a certain tract or parcel of situated in Knox County Kentucky, containing 50 acres more or less, and bounded as follows, to-wit:

Being a survey made the name of Cement S. Brown.

Beginning on a white oak and maple near the top of hill; thence 3 w. 90 poles to two chestnut oaks; thence n 40 w 30 poles to a pine; thence n 73 E 105 poles to a stake; thence s running with McNeal line about 64 poles to a stake thence s 1 w 1 to the beginning corner lying on the McNeal Mill Branch and being the same tract of land conveyed to Noah Cox and N. P. Cuppley I. C. McVey and wife by deed dated Nov. 27, 1905, and recorded in deed book 11, p. 192, in the Knox County Court Clerk's office.

Said property will be sold on a credit of six months, the purchaser will be required to execute bond with approved security, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent, from date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a judgment and retaining a lien on said property until purchase paid.

Witness my hand, this 31st day of January, 1917.

E. G. Massingale, Master Commissioner, W. C. C.

Purchaser must execute bond within one hour from the close of said sale, or the property will be immediately put up and resold.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By order of the Knox Circuit Court, rendered at its January term, 1917, in the case of Wade Smith, Guardian, Plaintiff, against Burnett Smith & Co, Defendant. I will, as Master Commissioner on the 26th day of February, 1917 same being the first day of the regular term of Knox County Court, sell at the Court House in Barbourville, Ky., to the highest and best bidder, the following described property, to satisfy the judgment of said case, the proceeds to go to infant defendant, and \$20.00 probable cost.

Description: Tract of land on Gandy Branch of the Roaring Fork of Stinking Creek, in Knox County Ky. and being same tract of land conveyed by Nelson Bingham and Amanda Bingham to Burnett Smith on the 13th day of February, 1915, and which deed is of record in the County Court Clerk's office of Knox County in Deed book 29 a page 546, to which reference is made for description.

Said property to be sold on a credit of six months, the purchaser to execute bond with approved security, bearing interest a six per cent, from date, having the force and effect of a judgment and retaining a lien on said property until the purchase money is paid.

WITNESS my hand, this the 7th day of February 1917.

J. J. Tye, Master Commissioner, Knox Circuit Court.

Sale about 1 p. m. Purchaser must execute bond as soon as sale is over, or the property will be immediately put up and resold.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By order of the Knox Circuit Court rendered at its September term 1917 in the case of Mary F. Sampson, Plaintiff against Mary Dowis Sampson and Anna Maud Sampson, Defendants. I will, as Master Commissioner, on the 28th, day of February, 1917, same being the first day of the February term of the Knox County Court, sell at the Court House door in Barbourville, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder, the following described property, to satisfy the judgment in said case.

Description: "A certain tract of land lying and being in Knox County, Ky., on Richland Creek, containing 100 acres of Smokey Creek, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a

to Richland Creek, thence with the old line between John Eve and John Henderson to the top of spur to a chestnut oak and maple; thence with the spur and fence westwardly to a stone near the gap of the ridge; thence northwardly to a stone and dogwood; thence to a stone in the first bank of Smokey Creek, thence northwardly to a stone and tree on the bank of said creek; thence down the creek to the line of D. B. Harkleroad; thence with said line to the State Road; thence with said road, toward Barbourville to Joseph Sampson's westward to Richland Creek; thence down said creek with its meanders to the beginning and being the same tract of land conveyed to C. N. Sampson by H. C. Greener and wife, Gussie L. Greener, on the 25th, day of February 1908, and of record in the County Court Clerk's office of Knox County, Kentucky, in Deed Book 15, at page 521."

Said property will be sold on a credit of six months, purchaser to execute bond with approved security, bearing interest at six per cent, from date, having the force and effect of a judgment and retaining a lien on said property until the purchase money is paid.

WITNESS my hand, this the 3th, day of February, 1917.

J. J. Tye, Master Commissioner, Knox Circuit Court.

Sale about 1 p. m. Purchaser must execute bond as soon as sale is over, or the property will be immediately put up and resold.

Mr. and Mrs. William (Little Billie) Marcum were registered at Hotel Jones this week, returning to Manchester for the lot sale.

Hon. R. S. Rose, of Williamsburg made his formal announcement for Judge of the 34th, Judicial District last Monday at Williamsburg. Mr. Rose is some stump speaker, and a real fighter when it comes to politics. We predict that Rose will raise some sand during the campaign.

At the Manchester lot sale yesterday (Thursday) lots sold from \$150 to \$275. A few years ago these same lots could have been purchased for \$10 and \$15. A large crowd of timber prospectors, coal and oil men and real estate dealers were in attendance. Three coaches were not enough to cope with the situation, several dozens being compelled to stand in the aisles, while others were forced to press into service conveyances of every description. And now "M-a-n-c-h-e-s-t-e-r" is on the map.

Vogel's Minstrels Parade.

Although John W. Vogel, "The Minstrel King," has adopted a newer and better manner of presenting minstrelsy, he has not abandoned the idea of the noon-day street parade. Mr. Vogel's big company of noted minstrels will be seen at the Lyric Theatre in Pineville, Monday, February 26, and, weather permitting, the band with this ever popular organization, under the direction of James L. Finning, will give the usual street parade and free band concert at 11:45 a. m., also another concert at the theatre at 7:30 p. m. The sale of seats is now going on, and it is advisable, to make your reservations early, for the Vogel popularity is a guarantee of a standing-room-only sign. Seats now on sale. Phone in for numbers.

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NOTICE

I have had in my possession since January 6th 1917, one stray black hog, weight 130 pounds, and has white front legs, split in right ear. Owner can have same by paying for this ad. and keeping. W. M. Dean, Flat Lick, Ky. 2-9 4t.

For Sale

I have a good combination saddle and harness mare that I desire to sell, she is five years old, well kept, and as sound as a dollar, want \$125.00 cash.

John Poindexter, Barbourville, Ky.

2-16 4t.

Produce Wanted.

I am located in the Sevier property, near J. & H. T. Millers. I am paying 12c for old hens, 18c for frying chickens; springers, over 2 lbs., 15c; Turkeys, 16c; Ducks, 12c; Geese, 10c; for nice clean Potato Onions, \$1.50; sets 4c per pound. Bring them and all kinds of hides and furs to me.

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